

DRAWINGS AMENDMENTS:

Please replace originally filed Figures 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 with amended Figures 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 as shown on the two replacement drawing sheets, which are appended hereto.

REMARKS:

By the foregoing amendments to the specification, the drawings and the claims, applicant responds fully to the Office Action dated March 7, 2006.

Replacement paragraphs [0022] to [0025] are submitted with this amendment. No
5 new matter is added by the replacement paragraphs. The changes are voluminous, so specific discussion of every change is not provided. However, a specific discussion of each type of change follows.

Most of the changes in the replacement paragraphs correct formatting errors by adding the name of a part to a previously listed number. For example, the word
10 “component” has been added in front of the number “1” several times.

Four new part numbers are added by the instant amendment. These numbers are intended to clarify the disclosure. New numbers are provided for parts previously described in the application. Specifically, the arc has been assigned number 20, and the sides of the U-shaped component have been assigned numbers 21 and 22, respectively.
15 The second end of leg 13 has been assigned number 25. It is noteworthy that the number “5” has been replaced with “25” several times where appropriate, as 5 is assigned to a hook at the end 25 of leg 13.

Lastly, with respect to the replacement paragraphs, a few typos have been corrected. For example, the following change has been made to paragraph [0024] -
20 “comfortable handle to hold the component”. No new matter has been added by correcting the typographical errors.

Replacement Figures 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7 are included on the two enclosed replacement drawing sheets. No new matter is added by the amendments to the figures. In

Figure 1, the improper use of reference numeral 10 is deleted, and reference numerals 20, 21 and 22 are added. In Figure 2, reference numerals 1, 3, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 25 are added. In Figure 5, reference numerals 2 and 25 are added. In Figure 6, reference numerals 20, 21 and 22 are added. In Figure 7, reference numeral 6 is deleted and reference numeral 12 and 13 are added.

The specific objections to the drawings are now addressed. The Examiner has objected to the drawings in paragraph 1 of the Office Action because reference number 1 has been used in the specification to designate both the U-shaped component and the arc; reference number 4 has been used to designate a “no hook” and an end; reference number 5 has been used to designate both a hook and an end; and reference number 8 has been used to designate both a semicircular section and an inside diameter. These objections have all been addressed by the replacement paragraphs to the specification presented above. Applicant believes that these objections to the drawings are no longer applicable. Therefore, no drawing changes have been made due to these objections.

The Examiner in paragraph 2 of the Office Action objects to Figure 7 because the reference number 6 does not appear in the specification. Figure 7 has been amended by the instant amendment to delete number 6.

The Examiner in paragraph 3A of the Office Action correctly points out that reference number 10 has been improperly applied in Figure 1. Figure 1 has been amended by the instant amendment to correct this error.

The Examiner in paragraph 3B of the Office Action notes some errors with the ways the reference numbers are used in the specification. Applicant believes those errors have been corrected by the submission of the replacement paragraphs in this amendment.

Turning now to the Claims, Applicant notes the many reasons for rejections of Claims 1-4. Claims 1-4 have been canceled by the present amendment.

Applicant notes with appreciation the suggested Claim provided by the Examiner on Page 6 of the Office Action, and the reasons for allowance of that Claim. By the
5 instant amendment, Applicant adds Claim 5 to the instant application. Added Claim 5 is the same as the Claim presented by the Examiner. Applicant believes that Claim 5 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant adds Claim 6 by the instant amendment. Claim 6 is an independent claim that is believed to be allowable. Specifically, none of the references cited by the
10 Examiner show, teach or suggest a brush with a handle section with an end that clamps around and onto the component of a brush section having an arc.

Claim 7 has been added to the present application. Claim 7 depends from Claim 6. None of the references cited show the two lockable legs as described in this claim. Claim
7 also depends from a claim that is believed to be allowable. Claim 7 is therefore
15 believed to be allowable.

Claim 8 recites a semicircular portion that encircles and clamps around the component. None of the cited references teach, show or suggest this limitation. Claim 8 also depends from a claim that is believed to be allowable. Claim 8 is therefore believed to be allowable.

20 Claim 9 recites limitations of a U-shaped component. None of the cited references teach, show or suggest this limitation. Claim 9 also depends from a claim that is believed to be allowable. Claim 9 is therefore believed to be allowable.

Claim 10 recites that the brush section clamps around one of the arc, the first side or the second side of the component. None of the cited references teach, show or suggest this limitation. Claim 10 also depends from a claim that is believed to be allowable.

Claim 10 is therefore believed to be allowable.

5 Applicant adds Claim 11 by the instant amendment. Claim 11 is an independent claim that is believed to be allowable. Specifically, none of the references cited by the Examiner show, teach or suggest a brush with a handle section with an end that is lockably connected to a U-shaped component of a brush section.

10 Claim 12 recites that the handle section has two legs that form an end to encircle the U-shaped component. None of the cited references teach, show or suggest this limitation. Claim 12 also depends from a claim that is believed to be allowable. Claim 12 is therefore believed to be allowable.

15 Claim 13 recites limitations related to the locking of the legs. None of the cited references teach, show or suggest this limitation. Claim 11 also depends from a claim that is believed to be allowable. Claim 11 is therefore believed to be allowable.

 Claim 14 recites that the semicircular end of said handle section comprises protrusions. None of the cited references teach, show or suggest this limitation. Claim 14 also depends from a claim that is believed to be allowable. Claim 14 is therefore believed to be allowable.

20 Claim 15 recites that the U-shaped component has an arc and two sides. None of the cited references teach, show or suggest this limitation. Claim 15 also depends from a claim that is believed to be allowable. Claim 15 is therefore believed to be allowable.

In summary, Applicant responds fully to the Office Action dated March 7, 2006. Applicant believes that the present application containing claims 5-15 is in condition for allowance. Favorable action to that end respectfully requested.

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Signed at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, this 6 day of June, 2006.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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